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may we QUOTE



you on that?

[1] Pres DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, in a campaign speech at Lexington, Ky: "When it comes to a really critical matter like political leadership, we recall a fact that all of us have seen in our daily lives: the longest lectures almost always come from those with least experience."

... [2] ADLAI STEVENSON: "We are tired of Republican checks written during election campaigns that bounce when we take them to the bank; and this leap-yr liberalism of the Republicans isn't good enough." ... [3] HARRY S TRUMAN: "We've got Ike scared; we've got them all scared." ... [4] Sen WM F KNOWLAND (R-Cal), observing that Stevenson is a stronger candidate than in '52: "I'm a realist. It's quite obvious the Democrats are making a vigorous campaign."

... [5] Vice Pres RICHARD M NIXON, slightly confused after hectic campaigning, called from the platform: "Where am I now?" (He was in St

Petersburg, Fla; the crowd roared with delighted laughter.)

... [6] Woman Communicant, observing Adlai Stevenson amongst worshipers at New

York's 5th Ave Presbyterian Church: "What's he doing at a Presbyterian church? I thought this was Eisenhower's territory?" (Dr John Sutherland Bonnell, pastor, later observed: "The 5th Ave Presbyterian Church is not the 'territory' of any candidate. It is the 'territory' of Jesus Christ.") ...

[7] JOHN FOSTER DULLES, U S Sec'y of State, commenting on Suez Canal Users Ass'n: "There is talk about the teeth being pulled out of it. There were never teeth in it, if that means the use of force." ...

[8] SALAH SALEM, former Egyptian Cabinet aid, in London: "If you fire at us, we shall blow the Suez Canal to the skies. The dynamite is ready."

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It is entirely possible (some observers say "probable") that Pres Eisenhower may be re-elected in Nov, while Republicans lose one or both houses of Congress. But it seems virtually certain that if Adlai Stevenson wins the election, Democratic majorities will organize both the House and the Senate.

This may appear a rather significant point in our consideration of Stevenson as President. It would seem that a chief executive bolstered by a clear legislative majority would have a marked advantage in translating political promises into terms of positive performance. But we must keep in mind that party labels have lost much of their significance in our generation. There are in both major political parties powerful elements ideologically incompatible with nominal party leadership.

In office, Stevenson, inherently moderate tho he may be, would tend to become increasingly liberal in perspective and in objectives.

This is inevitable because liberalism (Republicans would say "radicalism") is a basic philosophy of modern Democratic Party. President out of step with the philosophy of his party would be thwarted at every turn.

(Parenthetically, let us correct the misconception that Eisenhower "re-made" the Republican Party. He emerged opportunely as leader of a rising insurgent element in the party; an element demanding re-appraisal of values and modernization of party perspective. There must be an organized, active "followership" before a leader can advance.)

The essence of our question, then, is this: How far can a relatively liberal Democratic president advance the objectives of his party without encountering opposition of the Republican minority, coupled with the support of conservative Southern Democrats? In some directions a Stevenson Administration could doubtless go quite a distance. In other areas it would be quickly scotched by this coalition that has operated effectively for 20-odd yrs.

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"He who never quotes, is never quoted"

AGE—1

One nice thing about being old and retired is you have more time to read about what your problems are.—**DAN KIDNEY**, *Scripps-Howard Newspapers*.

ATOMIC AGE—2

We are now more afraid of what man will do with nature than of what nature will do with man. — **HENRY DEWOLFE SMITH**, "Nuclear Power and For'gn Policy," *For'gn Affairs*, 10-'56.

AUTOMATION—3

As time goes on and automatization is expanded, the character of the labor forces in industrial societies will change considerably. The proportion of unskilled labor will dwindle to a negligible percentage, that of semi-skilled labor will rise and then fall, and that of highly skilled workers, professional personnel and clerks will continue to rise steadily.—**HARRISON BROWN**, *The Challenge of Man's Future* (Viking).

AVIATION—4

The scheduled airlines of the nation carried their 100 millionth passenger in 1950—an achievement 24 yrs in the making. In '54, 4 yrs later, these airlines carried their 200 millionth passenger. On July 29, '56, only 2 yrs later, the airlines reported their 300 millionth passenger.—*Planes*, Aircraft Industries Ass'n of America.

BEHAVIOR—5

A highbrow is a person who has the patience to sit thru something that would make him a lowbrow if he didn't.—*Digest of World Reading*, Melbourne, Australia.

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A firm conviction is what an employee has as soon as he knows what his boss thinks about a given subject.—*Weltwoche*, Zurich (Quote translation).

CAPITALISM—6

Capitalism emerged as a natural and beneficial product of evolution. Man's chief urge is to improve his lot and capitalism is the only system by which this urge can be realized.

Communists, Socialists, and other Collectivists do not agree that anyone should progress ahead of his fellows. History proves, however, that where individual thrift and initiative are unrewarded, a low and declining standard of living and culture is inevitable.

Under Socialism and Communism, sooner or later the real workers rebel against having to support those who shirk their responsibilities and then the structure becomes paralyzed and collapses. Natural law asserts itself.—*Outlook*.

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washington



By Les & Liz
Carpenter

Not only must Sec'y of State John Foster Dulles deal with international matters, but so must his wife.

Mrs Dulles was given some Turkish coffee by the wife of the Egyptian ambassador, but the Dulles' Swedish cook didn't know how to brew it. So the secretary's wife and her benefactress put their heads together.

Solution: The German butler from the Egyptian embassy went to the home of the Americans and instructed the Swedish cook in the fine art of Turkish coffee-making.

Now, Foster, what's this trouble about the Suez Canal?

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Pentagonia: *A newcomer to Washington spied the Pentagon and asked his taxi-driver the name of the bldg. "That," said the driver, "is the Puzzle Palace on the Potomac." . . . A sign in a Defense Dept office warns: "Look Alive. Remember, you can be replaced by a but-ton!"*

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An organization of Internal Revenue employees reports that their morale is on the upswing under the new commissioner, Russell C Harrington.

The morale of taxpayers has remained the same—zero—under the last dozen commissioners.

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CHILDREN—Behavior—7

A comparison of 18 acts of (children's) misbehavior today with the same acts of 10 to 20 yrs ago shows that impertinence and discourtesy to teachers, failure to do homework and other assignments, and drinking "are definitely occurring more frequently now. . ." Stealing of a "serious nature," sex offenses, and cheating are also definitely on the rise. But any gen'l assumption that children of this generation have "gone to the dogs" is a serious mistake.—*Teacher Opinion on Pupil Behavior*, '55-'56, NEA Research Division report.

CONSCIENCE—8

If there were a referee present to stop him from unsportsmanlike tactics, the average person wouldn't win so many battles when he wrestles with his conscience. —*Grit*.

DISCRETION—9

Discretion is closing your eyes to a situation before someone closes them for you.—*SAE Jnl*.

EDUCATION—10

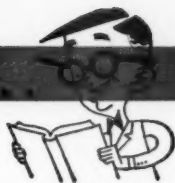
A young friend of ours was showing us his new school stuff. Built into his plastic pencil box was a calculator.

"I don't even have to learn to add or subtract or to multiply," he said proudly, "this gadget does it for me."—*FRAWLEY HYNES, Columbia*.

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In recent publication of the Georgia State Dep't of Education, this ancient but grim joke appeared: "In some schools they could have studied geology thru the floor, forestry thru the walls, and astronomy thru the roof." — *American School Bd Jnl*.

book briefs...



It is a rather dismaying fact that an average family man, who earns perhaps a quarter-of-a-million dollars during his working lifetime, too frequently ends up with little more than a car and a mortgaged home, because he mismanages his money. To help these average families with their finances, the editors of *Changing Times*, the Kiplinger magazine, have put together a manual, *Success With Your Money*, just published by Prentice-Hall. The secret, they assert, is "to catch a little money as it flies by, and put it to work." Reasonably enough they assert, "Altho everybody can't be rich, almost everybody could be better off."

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As you perhaps noted in the public prints, the Internat'l Astronautical Congress, meeting lately in Rome, considered proposed rules for the exploration of other planets. It was pointed out by Andrew G Haley, pres of American Rocket Society, that future travelers from earth must not be allowed to indulge in colonizing or flag-raising. And perhaps the precaution is timely. We note Viking Press has rec'd an order for a copy of *The Exploration of Mars*, by Willy Ley and Wernher Von Braun.

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The play, *Auntie Mame*, featuring Rosalind Russell, may turn out to be as popular as the novel by Patrick Dennis. Altho the production doesn't open until Oct 31, Broadhurst Theatre, in N Y has

"A poor writer can become a good literary critic. After all, we make excellent vinegar with bad wine."—LEAUTAUD, *Pourquoi Pas?* Congo edition (Quote translation).

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announced that many performances up to Jan 30 are completely sold out. Persons ordering tickets by mail are asked to give five alternate dates.

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If your thoughts are turning toward retirement—or if you are interested on behalf of associates—we commend a pamphlet, *Look Forward to Retirement*, published by U S Chamber of Commerce, Washington 6 D C. Gives helpful counsel on health, income, hobbies, how to continue usefulness, etc. Single copies, free; bulk 5 cts each.

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Escort tells of a man in a barrel, escorted by a policeman one midnight to the station house. "According to this guy's story," reported the officer, "The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit got into a card game with The Man With the Golden Arm."

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EMPLOYEE RELATIONS—11

Employees, being human, are beset with their everyday worries. We hire a whole man, not just a hand, and the employee brings all of himself to work. He brings his hopes, his worries—healthy or unhealthy—his desires, discouragements, future plans, prejudices, hostilities and fears. He does not check them in at the time clock or at the coat rack. If his off-the-job or on-the-job worries are too pressing, his work may be affected.—Dr RALPH T COLINS, Consulting Neurologist and Psychiatrist, Eastman Kodak Co, in *Rotarian*.

GOVERNMENT—12

What gov't gives one person, it has to take away from another. The gov't that does for you today will do to you tomorrow.—COLIN G PARKER, pres, Nat'l Ass'n of Mfrs.

HAPPINESS—Unhappiness—13

Unhappiness lies in not knowing what we want and killing ourselves to get it.—*Alabama Baptist*.

HEALTH—Mental—14

Every day, $\frac{1}{4}$ of a million of our citizens are in mental hospitals. Some are in the aged group, some are in middle life and some have scarcely begun life. Experts in the field say one out of every 12 children born next yr will go for treatment to a mental hospital sometime during life. At present, there are more people in mental hospitals than in all other hospitals combined.—J MURDOCK PALMER, "Broken Down Minds," *Watchman-Examiner*, 9-20-'56.

IDEAS—15

All the lost mines of Mexico, all the argosies that ever sailed from the West Indies, all the gold and silver-laden ships of the treasure fleets of storied Spain, count no more in value than a beggar's dole compared with the wealth that is created every 8 hrs by modern business ideas.—W C HOLMAN, *Forbes*.

Quote scrap book

DESIDERIUS ERASMUS, great humanist of the Renaissance, was one of the most prolific writers of his age. A secret of his prodigious volume is perhaps to be found in his life maxim, *Nulla dies sine linea* (No day without a line).

ISRAEL—16

To an old boyhood friend I commented on the steady succession of (Israel) border incidents. "Look," he said, "there have been about 3,000 casualties among both Arabs and Jews in border incidents since the conclusion of the armistices in '49. That means roughly a yearly average of 200 Jewish casualties. Every other day a Jew is wounded or killed because of the absence of peace. Compare this with the average number of casualties from our traffic accidents. What the Arabs take

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is perhaps 5% of the toll of the Fords, Kaisers, Hillmans, and Chevrolets. Does it occur to anyone not to walk on the streets or not to use cars? After all, accidents generally happen to the other guy!"—BENNO WEISER, "Israel: Faith, Courage, & Taxes," *Commentary*, 9-'56.

LANGUAGE—17

My view may seem stiff-necked, but here it is: no matter how many people say "May I talk to. . ." with is better. And it will remain better even tho every English speaker on the face of the earth should reject with and embrace to.—CLIFTON FADIMAN, "Party of One," *Holiday*, 10-'56.

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Advertising can be credited with many worthy services to the American people, but its "advertising license" with the English language can hardly be placed on the credit side of the ledger. . . The teaching of poor grammar obviously is a disservice to the public and should be curbed without delay. . . Grammar and spelling are given such back-of-hand treatment already in the school curricula that it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain acceptable secretarial help. . . No good can come from perpetuating bad grammar. — *Advertising Fed'n of America News Letter*, 9-'56.

LIBERTY—18

Liberty is the privilege of being free from the things we don't like in order to be slaves of things we do like.—*York Trade Compositor*, hm, York Composition Co.

LIFE—Living—19

Life. . . is not a tale told by an idiot, because no idiot is sufficiently irrational to think up such a tale.—HERMAN BETZ, *American Scientist*.

The A B C's of politics,
Most Xperts will agree,
R Q'd upon the principle
Of X P D N C!

—S OMAR BARKER.

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OPINION—21

A puzzling thing to us, in reviewing the pre-election polls, is why we never chance to meet up with any of those persons listed as having "no opinion." — ARMAND CIRILLI, *Iron County (Wis) Miner*.

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Risk little on the opinion of a man who has nothing to lose. — *Supervision*.

PATIENCE—Impatience—22

The trouble with people these days is that they want to get to the promised land without going thru the wilderness. — FAITH FORSYTE, *Tit-Bits*, London.

PRODUCTION—23

With all the talk there is today about mass production and automatic production, it may be forgotten that the marvels of machines are only the projection of human brains and skills. . . All the millions of fabricated products that roll off the assembly lines had to begin with the skill and ingenuity of the human hand and brain. No matter how complex our productive process may become, it can work only according to the human efforts and achievements that are "fed into it." —*Eaton News*.

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Baedeker

KARL BAEDEKER, the man whose name became a common noun, was born 155 yrs ago (Nov 3, 1801) in Germany. His 1st publishing venture, at age 28, was a *Traveler's Handbook* for the Rhine, based largely on his own experience. When he turned the business over to his sons 40 yrs later, manuals were in print covering virtually the civilized world, with editions in German, French and English.

Tho he employed scholars and geographers, Baedeker relied principally on personal research, traveling incognito. He overlooked no detail. "For kings and government may err," sang A P Herbert, "But never Mr Baedeker."

Baedeker guidebooks pointed out many economies. Men traveling alone, he suggested, might save money "by eating with the commercials." He added what most husbands will agree is a classic understatement: "Ladies add considerably to the expense."

Baedeker's economic policies occasionally met opposition. A Naples guide, sighting the familiar red-covered book in a tourist's pouch, protested, "No good!" and offered another volume. "What's the matter with Baedeker?" asked the tourist. The guide made ingenuous response: "Baedeker say 'give guide 100 lira'; this book say 'give guide 200 lira'; you read this book!"

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PROSPERITY—24

Business today is manned by younger exec's who have no personal knowledge of business going anywhere but up. Caution warnings . . . are considered strictly for the birds. Their belief is unshakeable that "the Gov't will not permit a recession to occur." All this sounds a lot like the Texas girl's firm belief that all roads must be straight, because she had never seen any other kind. —*N Y Jnl of Commerce*.

RELAXATION—25

In the notebook of Leonardo da Vinci was found this paragraph: "Every now and then go away, have a little relaxation, for when you come back to your work your judgment will be surer, since to remain constantly at work will cause you to lose power of judgment. . . Go some distance away, because then the work appears smaller, and more of it can be taken in at a glance, and a lack of harmony or proportion is more readily seen."—*Highways of Happiness*.

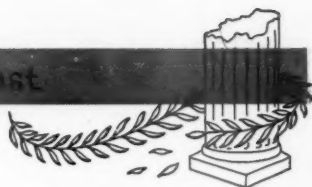
RELIGION—26

Out of the Sunday schools come 95% of the preachers, 85% of the church converts, 95% of the church workers and 75% of the new churches; parents and pastors receive 90% returns from less than a 10% investment in time and energy. —*Sunday School Jnl*.

RESOURCES—People—27

The greatness of a nation lies not in the number of its battleships, but in the extent it has developed the latent intelligence of its working people, particularly its youth.—Dr E G EDWARDS, Ass'n of Scientific Workers, England, *Cambridge* (England) *Daily News*.

pathways to the past



Nat'l Catholic Youth Wk
Nat'l Flower Wk
Reformation Wk
Religion in American Life
Month (Nov)

Oct 28—Feast of St Simon. . . 490th anniv (1466) b of Desiderius Erasmus, Dutch scholar ("the greatest of the humanists"). . . Harvard College founded 320 yrs ago (1636) by legislative action of Mass Bay Colony. (Originally to be called Cambridge, the college was named Harvard, honoring John Harvard, clergyman, who bequeathed to the school his library and half his estate, valued at 800 lbs sterling)...70 yrs ago (1886) Bartholdi's statue, *Liberty Enlightening the World* (a gift of France) was dedicated on Bedloe Island, in N Y Harbor.

Oct 29—300th anniv (1656) b of Edmund Halley, British astronomer; 1st to forecast the orbit of a comet on basis of Newton's theories. (In 1682 he observed the comet now bearing his name; accurately predicted its ret'n in 1757). . . 205th anniv of Richard Brinsley Sheridan, British playwright (*School for Scandal*). . . 45 yrs ago (1911) Jos Pulitzer died, establishing in his will the Pulitzer Prizes, highly valued in journalism.

Oct 31—Hallowe'en. . . Nat'l Apple Day. . . Harry Houdini, renowned escape artist, d 30 yrs ago (1926).

For many yrs friends marked the anniv, seeking contact with the departed spirit.

Nov 1—All Saints' Day. . . Nat'l Authors' Day. . . 180th anniv (1776) opening of the Mission San Juan Capistrano, in Southern California (the haven to which, by legend, swallows ret'n on schedule each yr) . . . To bolster Revolutionary finances, Congress held the 1st nat'l lottery 180 yrs ago (1776).

Nov 2—All Souls' Day. . . World Community Day. . . Raising of USS *Maine* in Havana Harbor 45 yrs ago (1911) some 14 yrs after sinking, proved conclusively vessel's loss was by submarine mine. Ship was then floated to sea, given a ceremonial burial.

Nov 3—155th anniv (1801) b of Karl Baedeker, originator of famed travel guides (see GEM Box). . . 30th anniv (1926) of notorious Hall-Mills murder trial in New Brunswick, N J. . . 30th anniv (1926) d of Annie Oakley, world's greatest markswoman. (Musical *Annie Get Your Gun* was based on her exploits). . . Commercial production of synthetic rubber began at Wilmington, Del 25 yrs ago (1931).

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Would you care to have your mailbox tinted in chartreuse, or perhaps a tasty turquoise? Well, at long last, all the colors of the rainbow are at your command. Get out your paint-pot and go to it.

But 1st a word of gracious thanks to Mrs J Addison Robb, of Flemington, N J, better known as Inez Robb, columnist for United Feature Syndicate.

When Mrs Robb moved to Wild Oat Farm, in rural New Jersey, she painted her mailbox a gay yellow—and straightway ran into trouble with the unimaginative postal service. This, she was told, wouldn't do. Against regulations. Mailboxes must be painted white or aluminum. Mrs Robb protested (and unlike most housewives, she had a rather potent vehicle to express her views). On several occasions she employed her column, exhorting Uncle Sam to get hep to modern decor. Recently she was able to report:

"My 2-yr battle for the right to a yellow mailbox has ended with the Post Office Dep't running up a white flag and suing for peace.

"'You win,' says a telegram rec'd from Postmaster Gen'l Arthur E Summerfield. 'We are changing regulations so any colors may be used on rural boxes. Thanks for bringing this to our attention so persistently.'"

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SCIENCE—History—28

A knowledge of history, of course, even the history of science, will not do duty for science. But it gives us the backbone in the growth of science, so that the morning headline suddenly takes its place in the development of our world.—J BRONOWSKI, *Science Digest*.

SEGREGATION—29

Psychologists point to many pitfalls in the rearing of children under the best of circumstances. How can the task be handled when the parent must explain to a child that he is automatically inferior by virtue of a skin pigmentation he is powerless to change? As one Negro parent put it to me, "I understand segregation and my wife understands segregation, but have you ever tried explaining it to a 6-yr-old child?" — JAS W PROTHRO, "A Southerner's View of a Southerner's Book," review of *Segregation: The Inner Conflict in the South*, by ROBT PENN WARREN (Random House), in *Reporter*, 9-29-'56.

SERVICE—30

The day of the great private fortune is gone. People no longer can give only money to community projects—they must give themselves.—THOS H COULTER, pres, Chicago Ass'n of Commerce.

SPEECH—Speaking—31

Britain's Lord Halifax attributes his success in speaking to a bit of advice given him by Winston Churchill. "It's quite simple," Churchill said. "A friend of my father's once told me: 'Say what you have to say and when you come to a sentence with a grammatical ending, sit down.'"—*Scholastic Teacher*.

TAXES—32

Here is how the income tax bite has grown in the past 43 yrs:

\$5,000 income: In 1913, a married man in this bracket paid \$10 in income taxes. In 1956 he will pay \$760.

\$8,000 income: In 1913, he paid \$40; in 1956, \$1,416.

\$100,000 income: In 1913, \$2,510; 1956, \$52,776.

One big reason is the phenomenal growth of gov't spending: In 1913 Uncle Sam spent \$725 million. This yr he will spend some \$66 billion. Until spending can be reduced, taxpayers will have to foot the bill. —*Tax Foundation report.*

WORK—33

Hunger is the instinct given to man so that he won't stop working. —*Weltwoche*, Zurich (QUOTE translation).



One of the delightful things about our British cousins is their whimsical sense of humor. Where, except in the *London Times* could one encounter this classified ad:

"Ship-in-bottle makers: Free service! Young man accepts full bottles of Duff-Gordon's EL CID Amontillado Sherry, ret'n them ready for insertion of ship. Prompt, conscientious work guaranteed. Address Box A C."

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WORD STORY



A Texas newspaperwoman is the Washington correspondent for several papers in her home state. At Pres Eisenhower's wkly press conference, she identifies herself one wk as a reporter for a particular newspaper, and the next wk names another.

Finally the President became flabbergasted, and asked, "Young lady, do you get fired every wk?" —*QUOTE Washington Bureau.* a

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Gentleman: A guy who, when his wife drops something, kicks it to where she can pick it up more easily. — *MIKE CONNOLLY, Hollywood Reporter.* b

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An American importer was in London negotiating with an English official of a large tea firm to secure distribution rights in the U S. The English official seemed none too eager to do business, even tho it might mean a large increase in revenue.

The American finally asked what stood in the way of concluding the deal.

"Well, you know," the Englishman ans'ed, "we once had a spot of trouble over there."

"Trouble?" asked the American.

"Yes, one of our shipments of tea was dumped into Boston Harbor." —*England Hospital Review.* c

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

DAN BENNETT

The topic under discussion was childhood days. One man explained that he was an only child and had had things pretty much his own way as a youngster.

"Well, that certainly wasn't the case with me," sighed his companion. "When I was a kid I was the youngest of a family of 12. I never got anything to wear until the others were thru wearing it."

"You must have looked pretty funny in some of those hand-me-downs," remarked the other.

"I'll say I looked funny. I had 11 sisters, and I was the only kid on our baseball team who had to lift his skirt to slide in to 2nd base!"

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A visitor who had made the rounds of numerous London churches observed that without exception these invited one to pause a moment for prayer and meditation. Often a quiet chapel was set aside for such purpose. He was puzzled that this invitation had met with so little response and asked one aged verger if in his experience many persons had withdrawn for the purpose.

"Not many," he repl'd, "but I caught a couple o'em at it, once." —*THOS S HORN, Argonaut.* d

A perturbed young lady at a Pennsylvania voting place in '52 was voting for her 1st time for a President. "I can't decide who's the best man for the job," she confided to a fellow voter. "I like them both so much."

Outside the voting place a bit later, she appeared greatly relieved. "I just couldn't make up my mind," she told her friend. "So I wrote 'Good luck to both of you' across my ballot." — FRANK L REMINGTON, *Catholic Digest*. e

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For many yrs the editor of a small town newspaper had a sign over his desk that read: "Obituary Editor."

Recently his son took over the post and promptly had the sign changed to read: "Son of Obituary Editor." — *Automotive Service Digest*. f

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It was unusual, but a small group of tourists obtained permission from Picasso to visit him in his atelier. Picasso was in exceptionally good humor; he showed his visitors his pictures and even explained the working methods. Finally he said, "If there's anything you'd like to know, don't hesitate to ask."

After quite an interval of silence an older woman timidly raised her hand. "You know so much about oil paints, since you are such a skilled man. Couldn't you perhaps recommend something especially durable for my kitchen?" — *Revue*, Munich (Quote translation). g

In autumn nothing looks better to a man with a rake than a yard full of evergreens. — VESTA M KELLY.

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Most people love autumn leaves, as long as autumn leaves them on someone else's lawn. — MARJORIE MURCH STANLEY.

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Some politicians seem to believe in playing the game according to oil. — FRANCES RODMAN.

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Strange how many nations are ready to lend moral leadership to a country possessing good oil wells. — JACK HERBERT.

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To judge from recent magazine articles, all the good old-fashioned sins are merely diseases. — HAL CHADWICK.

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Money isn't everything, but enough of it would surely be something. — D O FLYNN.

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Two signs of fall are the lawn turning brown and the teenage daughter who spent the summer in shorts turning white. — North Vernon (Ind) Sun.

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A hypochondriac (is) one who can't leave being well enough alone. — EARL BOSTIC, musician quoted by Irving Kupcinet, Chicago Sun-Times.

Quote

behind the IRON CURTAIN



This story is kicking around Warsaw:

A labor official was addressing a bunch of workers in Krakow who had complained about their low pay.

"Forget about money and double your output," he thundered, "and in 10 yrs each one of you will have his own plane."

"What'll I do with a plane?" asked a worker.

"Don't be stupid," said the official. "If you hear they've got potatoes in Poznan, you can fly there and be 1st in line."—BILLY ROSE, in *Chicago Daily News*.

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The village priest and the Communist party sec'y had known each other for yrs and occasionally would meet to chat. One day the sec'y asked the priest, "How is it that every time you ring the bells, the whole village comes running, whether it's for mass or vespers, or whatever, but when I send out a call for a mtg or a demonstration, no one shows up?"

"I'll tell you the secret," repl'd the priest. "Like you, we promise the people a chance for paradise. But the big difference is that we don't let them see it on earth."—FLORA LEWIS, *N Y Times Mag*.

Quote

Alice, mother of five, and a dynamo in church and school activities, was giving an acct of the family reunion at grandmother's.

"I could have died," she wailed. "There were all the brushed and scrubbed grandchildren—19 of them—at the table and it had to be my Randy who gulped his pie and galloped out of the dining room without so much as a by your leave.

"I said, 'Randy, haven't you forgotten something? Say 'excuse me' to grandmother.'"

"'Why' he asked, bewildered. 'I haven't done nothin' to Grandma.'"

—KITTY LITTON, *Town Jnl*. h

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The kindergarten teacher had been struggling with the top hook on a child's new raincoat for nearly 5 min's. Finally, in exasperation, she asked, "Did your mother hook the coat for you this morning?"

"Oh, no," said the child indignantly. "She bought it at Penney's!" — KEMPTON J COADY, Jr, principal, Brown School, Natick, Mass, *NEA Jnl*. i

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Ernest Hemingway had got lost with the old car he liked to use. He stopped in front of the farm house and asked the farmer's wife if he could buy a meal. She looked him over from top to toe and commented, "You don't look as if you could pay for a meal."

The writer reached in his pocket and pulled out quite a few dollar bills, whereupon the woman turned around and called to someone inside the house, "Hey, Jim, turn on the radio. There must have been another bank robbery!" — *Frankfurter Illustrierte*, Germany (QUOTE translation). j

Richard Armour



Letter Go

Postmen will deliver mail in golf caddy carts.—News item.

The leather bag no longer
Hangs at the postman's side.
He's looking fresher, stronger,
And lighter is his stride.

In fact as he goes wheeling
His nobby caddy cart,
He has a sporting feeling,
A song is in his heart:

"I'll par the course today, friends,
I'll neither slice nor hook.
I'll go straight on my way, friends,
Nor pause to chat or look.

Each street will be a fairway,
Each letter box a hole,
And if I climb a stairway
I'll treat it like a knoll.

I swear I'm doing better
Than I have done before.
My eye is on the letter,
I'm cutting down my score.

A rolled-up magazine is
My club. I seldom fail.
Look out, there! Fore! The green is
Your porch. Here comes the
mail!"

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The important issues of the current campaign are brilliantly clarified when a Democrat who dislikes Hoover and a Republican who can't stand Truman get to arguing about the Coolidge administration and Roosevelt's extended tenure of office.—HAROLD COFFIN. k

The crystal-gazer collected \$25 for a reading and told the visitor, "This entitles you to ask me 2 questions."

"Isn't that a lot of money for only 2 questions?" the startled sitter queried.

"Yes, madam, it is," answered the fortune-teller gravely. "And now, what is your second question?"—*Tracks, hm, Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.* l

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A club bore accosted the sec'y of a golf club and said: "Give me your advice. I have been deliberately insulted by Colonel Brown. He said to me: 'Sir, I will give you \$50 if you resign your mbrship in this club.'"

"That's obvious," replied the sec'y. "Hold out for a better offer." —*Montreal Star.* m

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"Madam," remarked the sheriff, "I'm amazed that you had the courage to attack a burglar—and in the dark at that!"

"Oh," replied the woman, a little embarrassed, "I didn't know it was a burglar. I thought it was my husband."—*Capper's Wkly.* n

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One of Evelyn Laye's favorite stories concerns a leading actress who walked on the stage at a rehearsal with her hat and veil on. "My dear!" cried the mgr, "You're surely not going to sing with your veil on?"

"Of course I am," replied the actress. "I want to hurry off as soon as I have finished."

"Oh, well," sighed the mgr, "I can't help it if you want to strain your voice!"—*Tit-Bits, London.* o

Quote

Quote of the

BERNARD M BARUCH (aged 86): "To me, old age is always 10 yrs older than I am."

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JULES CAMBON, French politician: "A good diplomat must know as much about people as a neighborhood grocer." (QUOTE translation.)

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PAUL RAMADIER, French Minister of Finance: "A minister of finance is a legally authorized pickpocket." (QUOTE translation.)

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SECOND CLASS MATTER

Quote of the NEW

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After a brief excursion into the subject of alarms, we've concluded that sleep will never have a chance to finish knitting up that raveled sleeve of care. *General Electric* mfrs a new alarm clock which spitefully calls you 3 times, at 10 to 15 min intervals. You can shut off alarm, and turn over for that last snooze, secure in the knowledge that you'll be awakened again in plenty of time to get up. (We couldn't—what we need is a clock that will get exasperated enough to fling a glass of cold water in our face, but then we're one of the most talented heavy sleepers we

ever met.) Clock is \$6.98.

You won't risk sleeping thru a fire—thereby missing all the excitement—if you own "Fire-Spy," a tiny alarm which plugs into any AC outlet, using electricity only when signalling. When temperature reaches 140 degrees, a sensitive thermostat sets off the alarm—which is an ear-splitting one. Racket continues until conditions return to normal. It's easy to test alarm from time to time by holding a lighted match or cigaret on the thermostat. "Fire-Spy" is made by *Laramie Chemical Corp'n, Stamford, Conn*, and costs \$6.95.

